The Defence Expenditure of India has remained almost constant during the last few years as a percentage of Central Government Expenditure and as a percentage of GDP.

According to the published literature (Asian Strategic Review 1993-94), the Defence Expenditure statistics about Pakistan and China for the last 3 years are as follows:—

PAKISTAN

(in billions of Pakistani Rupees)

1991-92	76.956
1992-93	89.100
1993-94	91.103

CHINA

(Official defence expenditure)

(Billion Yuan)

1991	33.03
1992	37.78
1993	43.25

(b) Having regard to the threat scenario and availability of resources, the defence forces are fully geared to meet any eventualities; and the Government takes all appropriate measures to ensure effective defence preparedness.

सैनिक स्कूलों का संचालन

1369. **श्री ईश दत्त यादव :**
चौधरी हरमोहन सिंह :

क्या **प्रधान मंत्री** यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि सैनिक स्कूलों का संचालन रक्षा बलों के माध्यम से किया जा रहा है ;

(ख) यदि हां, तो तत्संबंधी ब्यौरा क्या है ;

(ग) क्या सरकार ने सैनिक स्कूलों को मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्रालय को हस्तांतरित करने के लिये कोई प्रयास किया है ; और

(घ) यदि हां, तो तत्संबंधी ब्यौरा क्या है ?

रक्षा मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री मल्लिकार्जुन) : (क) और (ख) सैनिक स्कूलों का प्रबन्धन सैनिक स्कूल सोसायटी द्वारा किया जाता है । सैनिक स्कूल सोसायटी के शासी मण्डल के अध्यक्ष रक्षा मंत्री हैं । सैनिक स्कूलों के प्रिंसीपल, हैड मास्टर और रजिस्ट्रार तीनों सेनाओं से लिए जाते हैं। शारीरिक शिक्षा अनुदेशक एक गैर-कमीशन अफसर होता है, जो सामान्यतः सेना से लिया जाता है।

(ग) और (घ) ऐसा प्रस्ताव है कि सैनिक स्कूलों को मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्रालय को अन्तरित कर दिया जाए । तथापि, अभी तक कोई ठोस निर्णय नहीं लिया गया है।

Defence Security's visit to Russia

1370. MISS SAROJ KHAPARDE: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Defence Secretary had recently paid a visit to Russia as the head of a high-level Indian Defence experts' delegation;

(b) if so, whether there was any agreement with the Russian authorities regarding the supply of latest Submarines, latest fighter aircrafts and Tanks from Russia; and

(c) if so, the details thereof including the total cost of the deal?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) to (c) The Defence Secretary visited the Russian Federation from 30th Octo-

ber to 5th November, 1994 as the head of a high-level Indian Defence delegation. Important issues relating to Defence Technical Cooperation with Russia were discussed as also the problems with regard to supply of certain items of spares. Preliminary discussions were also held on supply of certain weapon systems. No agreement regarding the supply of latest Submarines, latest fighter aircrafts or tanks from Russia was signed with the Russian Authorities.

Development of advanced warning aircraft

1371. SHRI VIREN J. SHAH: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) what is the latest position about the development of advanced warning aircraft;

(b) by what time the developmental work in this aircraft is expected to be completed and at what cost;

(c) whether the agency to be entrusted with the production of the aircraft has since been selected, if so, which is this agency and on what terms and conditions; and

(d) whether the production agency is being associated with the developmental activities, if so, what are the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) No project has been sanctioned for development of advanced warning aircraft. Only certain R&D activities have been pursued for competence built-up in the areas of generic technologies.

(b) to (d) Does not arise in view of the reply to part (a) above.

Leakage of information regarding Missile Project

1372. SHRI G Y. KRISHNAN: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether any probe has been conducted into the leakage of strategic information regarding the Missile Project of the Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) at the Naval and Oceanographic Laboratory (NPOL) at Kakkanadu in Kochi during the last month;

(b) if so, its outcome;

(c) whether foreigners were also involved in this spy ring;

(d) the action taken against the Indian Space Research Organisation Scientists and their associates involved; and

(e) the remedial measures taken for future?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) The NPOL of the DRDO is not in any way involved in our Missile Programme.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Certain foreign nationals are suspected to be involved in collection of information regarding projects of Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO).

(d) Two ISRO scientists, two foreign nationals and one more Indian national, suspected to be involved in leakage of information regarding ISRO projects have been arrested. Consequent on their arrest, the two ISRO scientists have been placed under suspension, pending further action.

(e) Steps have been initiated to review the existing security mechanisms in the Units of ISRO, Department of Space, for any corrective measures, which may become necessary.